



Maine Nonpoint Source Training News



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Center Announces 2002 Winter/Spring Training Schedule

A number of Courses highlight the Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 2002 Winter/Spring Training Schedule.

This year, as part of a continuing series on Innovative Erosion Control Products, a conference on **Turf Reinforcement Blankets** will be held at the Augusta Civic Center. This promises to be an interesting program on a product that could save time and money as a stabilization option.

Course offerings for contractors interested in certification include several basic and advanced sessions in erosion control best management practices. These will be held in six locations throughout the state.

New programs being offered this year include an Expo on Land Use Issues, and sessions on the Maintenance of Unpaved Roads. The Expo is designed for camp owners, contractors, loggers, road crews, municipal officials and the public in general. It will offer seminars, workshops and vendor displays on a variety of subjects of interest to these groups. The program on the Maintenance of Unpaved Roads is designed for contractors, road crews, etc. who do grading and maintenance work on camp roads, and other public or private gravel roads.

Those contractors involved with



septic system installation will have plenty of courses to choose from with two basic and four advanced installation course sessions being offered throughout the state.

The Advanced courses include sessions on Proprietary Devices and Pre-Treatment, and a new course on Advanced Septic System Issues. These courses are designed for the installer who has taken the basic course. The courses will be used for continuing education requirements for certified contractors and

For shorefront property owners, we have a new course offering that would be of interest in helping to protect your lake's water quality. The Course is called **Landscaping for Lake Protection** and will include information on establishing vegetative buffers, fertilizer use, directing water, etc. This course will be offered in three locations in late spring.

Stormwater Instructional Program will be offered.

This program provides training in the proper design of projects in compliance with the State's Stormwater Law.

In addition to this program, engineers will also be offered a course in Advanced Hydrology. This course will be provided in four modules in early spring.

As offered last spring, a course in HydroCad is again scheduled for early April. This day-long program provides training in the proper use of this software in helping to manage stormwater on a development

The listing on the next page outlines all of the courses being offered. Please register for as many as you'd like by using the registration form on page 3 or calling the designated agency.

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Erosion Control

1) Conference on Turf Reinforcement Blankets

Augusta, March 13, 2002, Augusta Civic Center

Registration Deadline: 3/5/2002

Snow Date: March 19, 2002

2) Basic Erosion Control Training For Contractors

Skowhegan, February 12, 2002, Candlelight Restaurant

Registration Deadline: 2/4/2002

Belfast, March 6, 2002, Comfort Inn

Registration Deadline: 2/26/2002

Portland, March 14, 2002, Holiday Inn West, Riverside Street

Registration Deadline: 3/6/2002

Millinocket, March 20, 2002, Her

Registration Deadline: 3/12/2002

3) Advanced Erosion Control Training For Contractors

Old Town, March 28, 2002, Black Bear Inn

Registration Deadline: 3/20/2002

Waterville, April 4, 2002, John Martin's Manor

Registration Deadline: 3

4) Landscaping for Lake Protection

Portage Lake, June 8, 2002, Municipal Building

Registration Deadline: 5/31/2002

Rockport, June 21, 2002, Plants Unlimited

Registration Deadline: 6/13/2002

Standish, June 28, 2002, Portland Water District

Registration Deadline: 6/20/2002

EXPO on Land Use Issues

Farmington, April 17, 2002, Univ. of Maine at Farmington

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Maintenance of Unpaved Roads

Hancock County SWCD (Ellsworth) March 1, 2002

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Franklin County SWCD (Farmington) April 17, 2002

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Cumberland County SWCD (Raymond) Late April, 2002

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Please register directly with the Sponsoring Districts
For the EXPO and these

Septic System Installation

Basic

Lewiston, January 31, 2002, Ramada Inn

Bangor/Brewer, March 26, 2002, Jeff's Catering

Adv

Proprietary Devices

Augusta, February 6, 2002, Augusta Armory

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Rockland, March 21, 2002, Tradewinds Mot

Advanced Septic System Issues

Portland, February 21, 2002, Holiday Inn West

Presque Isle, March 27, 2002,

Please register with LeeAnn Hanson at JETCC at
767-2649 for the above Septic System Installation

Stormwater

Basic Stormwater Training For Engineers

Scarborough, MDOT Division 6 Headquarters

January 24, 2002

January 31, 2002

February 7, 2002

February 14, 2002

Advanced Hydrology For Engineers

Scarborough, MDOT Division 6 Headquarters,

March 21, 2002

Hydrocad Training for Engineers

Scarborough, MDOT Div. 6 Headquarters, April 10, 2002

er with LeeAnn Hanson at JETCC at
767-2649 for the above Stormwater Courses

Maine Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center Course Registration Form

Name: _____ Tel. _____

Address: _____

Company: _____

The Courses I would like to attend are:

Session # _____ to be held in _____ Course Fee: _____
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Session # _____ to be held in _____

Course Fees:

- 1) Conference on Innovative Erosion Control Products :Turf Reinforcement Blankets:
- 2) Basic Erosion Control Practices For Contractors: \$35
- 3) Advanced Erosion Control Practices For Contractors: \$35
- 4) Landscaping For Lake Protection- Free

Send this form along with the appropriate fee to:

The Maine Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center
Maine Department of Environmental Prot
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

(Checks should be made payable to: Treasurer State of Maine)



2001 Fall Training Season Hosts Over 400 Participants



The Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 2001 Fall Training season was very successful. Training was held for contractors, municipal officials, municipal road crews, camp road owners, consultants and engi-

Nearly 230 participants attended courses on erosion control sponsored by the Center. These included contractors, road crews, mu-

nicipal officials, consultants, engineers and camp road owners.

Two courses in Basic Erosion and Sediment Control Practices and two courses in Advanced Erosion, Sediment Control Practices targeting local contractors, were held. A total of 92 people participated in these pro-

The Center sponsored a primer and exam for participation in the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment

23 people consisting of mostly engineers and consultants participated in the primer and a total of 11 people took the exam in December.

To assist Certified Contractors maintaining their certification, the Center held four continuing education programs related to erosion control,

throughout the state. A total of 49 people participated in these programs.

With assistance from the State's Soil & Water Conservation Districts, workshops in roadside erosion control and camp road maintenance were held in several locations throughout the state. These programs road crews and camp road owners with a total of 54 people participating.

An additional 188 participants attended a long conference in -sponsored by the Center, the Maine Municipal Association, the American Public Works Association and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The subject of the Conference was the new NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program. This was attended by contractors, municipal officials, state agency staff, consultants and engineers.

New Awards Program Developed To Recognize Certified Contractors' Efforts in Doing Outstanding Erosion Control



In order to provide recognition to Certified Contractors who do an exceptional job in installing and maintaining erosion control practices at their construction sites, the Center has devised an exciting new awards program. The program is designed to express the Center's appreciation to contractors dedicated to protecting the state's water re-

Under the program, award nominations can be submitted by anyone (including self-the contractor) who believes that erosion control work at a particular construction site, being completed or supervised by a certified contractor, is being done exceptionally well. Nominations will only be accepted for projects currently under construction that have at least two best management practices in place. Once a nomination is received, an inspection of the project is conducted to confirm conditions at the site. A final inspection of the site is done once the project has been completed to assess permanent stabilization techniques.

If the inspections indicate that the site has been well protected during construction and that final stabilization will provide excellent long term erosion protection, the

contractor will receive an award plaque from the Department.

A press release on the award will be drafted by the Department and press coverage of the award presentation will be requested in the area of the project as well as in the area where the contractor is headquar-

The Center anticipates that this program will provide needed recognition to certified contractors who strive to do a good job and will help to direct the public to contractors doing outstanding erosion control.

Enclosed is a nomination form for the awards program. If you are a person whose work takes you into the field in contact with construction sites, please keep the program in mind. If you are a certified contractor who takes pride in doing outstanding erosion control work, please consider nominating one of your sites.



Advertising Campaign Promoting Use of Certified Contractors Slated for this Spring



In an effort to promote the use of certified contractors, the Center will initiate a campaign to advertise their services in local newspapers throughout the state. The campaign will begin in early spring when most landowners are thinking about having work done on their properties. Advertisements will be placed in newspapers that will include the names and companies of local individuals who are certified in on and sediment control practices. Although the exact wording of the ads has not been worked out, they will probably go

"Planning a project involving earth work on your property this year? Why not hire a contractor who employs individuals certified in Erosion Control Practices by the DEP.

These individuals have been trained in the latest Best Management Practices as well as Environmental Laws to help protect your property and the state's water resources from the effects of erosion. The following is a listing of certified individuals in your area as well as the companies they are employed by:"

(Listing Of Certified Individuals And s)

We anticipate that this will provide greater opportunity for certified individuals and will direct a lot of the available work to trained personnel. For those of you who have not been certified yet, isn't it about time that you take that step and take advantage of this and the other great benefits of the program?

The Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center is funded under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act by the Maryland Department of the Environment's Division of Watershed Management.

The Center is located at the Department's Ray Building H

287-7726. Visit our Internet Web site at <http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/training/>

